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August 29, 2007

Mr. Phillip Taylor
2343 Meridian Road
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Re: Insurance Defense Counsel Information Request

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for your emails. As a clarification I have enclosed a copy of the letter that my office sent to MACo requesting defense coverage in the *Lords et al. v. Ravalli County* suit. As you can see there is nothing particularly magical about the form, and all of the letters to MACo look essentially the same only with a different case name included in them. Once MACo receives that, they evaluate the suit to make sure that it is in an area that they cover us for and then they attempt to find an attorney to provide defense for us. In some instances their first choice attorney or firm is either too busy or conflicted out and can not take the case and therefore they find another firm to handle it.

To be clear, Ravalli County does not hire these attorneys. There have even been cases where we have been disappointed with the attorney chosen, but that is the nature of insurance defense. I will also re-assert that in my knowledge, all civil suits filed against Ravalli County are turned over to MACo. I think this would be especially true for frivolous suits as it is even more of a waste of time for the County Attorney to handle those. I think you will find this to be standard practice for all businesses and government entities with insurance defense coverage for suits.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alex Beal".

Alex Beal
Deputy Ravalli County Attorney

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Enclosure: as stated

cc: Ravalli County Commissioners

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January 10, 2007

Keith Stapley, Claims Manager
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Re: Rebecka Z. Lords v. Ravalli County


Dear Keith:

This is a request for a defense and coverage in the above lawsuit.

I have not accepted service. Please advise how you wish that handled.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


GEORGE H. CORN,
Ravalli County Attorney
GHC/jw

Enclosure

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